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IN RE APPLICATION OF : CONFIRMATION NO. 9975  
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RESTRICTION RESPONSE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the April 1, 2010 Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect, for examination purposes only, the following:

Three binders are present, which are sodium carboxymethylcellulose, xanthan gum and carrageenan (at least claims 1-3 and 5 are readable thereon).

An action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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